
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH ASSISTANCE
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, TO
FURTHER PROMOTE ITS STATEWIDE GREENBELTS STRATEGY.

1 WHEREAS, approximately ninety per cent of personal travel
2 in Hawaii is by private automobiles, which pollutes the air,
3 clogs highways, and wastes energy reserves; and

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5 WHEREAS, current land use planning fosters dependence on
6 personal automobiles by placing homes far from stores and jobs;
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9 WHEREAS, typical suburban development sprawls over the
10 countryside, destroying Hawaii's natural beauty; and

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12 WHEREAS, the State and the counties need to rethink their
13 land use policies to reduce dependence on the personal
14 automobile and imported oil used for travel; and

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16 WHEREAS, new policies should promote mixed use, pedestrian-
17 oriented communities around transit hubs that blend reasonably
18 priced housing, work, and shopping areas and create
19 neighborhoods that encourage walking and biking; and

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21 WHEREAS, the general public will have the opportunity to
22 participate in public meetings held by the Departments of
23 Transportation and Land and Natural Resources in their efforts
24 to plan the development of a long-term greenbelts strategy; and

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26 WHEREAS, greenbelts are linear open spaces established
27 along either a natural corridor, such as a stream or ridgeline,
28 or corridors established by humans, such as a trail, road, or
29 former railway; and

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31 WHEREAS, a greenbelt strategy should:

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- 1 (1) Promote non-motorized transportation modes, such as
- 2 walking, jogging, hiking, bicycling, skating, and
- 3 horseback riding;
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- 5 (2) Create integrated ground transportation and
- 6 recreational systems;
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- 8 (3) Benefit urban, suburban, and rural habitats;
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- 10 (4) Create and enhance recreational activities and
- 11 opportunities;
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- 13 (5) Enhance visitor attractions and associated business
- 14 opportunities;
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- 16 (6) Incorporate, where possible, the use of federal
- 17 funding available under the Intermodal Surface
- 18 Transportation Efficiency Act; and
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- 20 (7) Provide a resource guideline for further acquisition
- 21 of public, private, and government lands to be
- 22 utilized for public recreation and non-motorized
- 23 transit; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 26 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 27 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
 28 Transportation, with the assistance of the Department of Land
 29 and Natural Resources, is encouraged to further promote,
 30 pursuant to the Hawaii State Planning Act, its statewide
 31 greenbelts strategy to promote the identification or development
 32 of transportation system management models and alternatives to
 33 the automobile while preserving the natural resources and beauty
 34 of the State; and

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 36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in further promoting its
 37 greenbelts strategy, the Department of Transportation is
 38 encouraged to:

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- 40 (1) Incorporate existing and proposed non-motorized
- 41 transportation and recreational master plans for each
- 42 island;
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- 1 (2) Assess existing and potential lands for beautification
- 2 projects, corridors, and linkages to create greenbelts
- 3 on each island, including existing and former railway
- 4 lines, trails, creek and river corridors, roadways,
- 5 and other areas that are underutilized and that could
- 6 be converted to public recreational use;
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- 8 (3) Gather information on other greenbelts programs
- 9 throughout the United States and the world;
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- 11 (4) Facilitate the coordination of the planning and
- 12 implementation of greenbelts with federal, state, and
- 13 county agencies, businesses, and citizens;
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- 15 (5) Facilitate the coordination of the planning of
- 16 sustainable communities for the State;
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- 18 (6) Examine funding strategies from public and private
- 19 sources to implement various projects;
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- 21 (7) Propose ways to educate and inform government
- 22 officials and the public on the many benefits of
- 23 greenbelts;
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- 25 (8) Establish further goals and strategies to create
- 26 greenbelts in Hawaii and set priorities for their
- 27 implementation; and
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- 29 (9) Promote the health, safety, and welfare of the
- 30 community by striving for a balance between motorized
- 31 and non-motorized transit systems; and

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 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in further promoting its
 34 greenbelts strategy, the Department of Transportation is
 35 encouraged to confer with:

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- 37 (1) The Office of Planning of the Department of Business,
- 38 Economic Development, and Tourism;
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- 40 (2) The director of each county's department responsible
- 41 for transportation management issues;
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- 43 (3) The director of each county's department responsible
- 44 for planning issues;



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2 (4) The Department of Urban and Regional Planning of the
3 University of Hawaii;

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5 (5) A citizen advocacy group from each of the islands; and

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7 (6) Bicycle advocacy groups; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
10 Transportation is encouraged to provide interested parties with
11 the opportunity to participate in developing the greenbelts
12 strategy by holding public meetings on all islands or, if that
13 is not feasible, by accepting testimony and public input via the
14 state video conferencing center; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
17 Transportation is encouraged to develop an action plan with
18 recommendations on the further promotion of its greenbelts
19 strategy, including proposed timetables and budgets; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
22 Transportation is requested to submit its greenbelts strategy,
23 action plan for implementation of the greenbelts strategy, and
24 findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, if
25 any, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
26 convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
30 Transportation, the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
31 Resources, the Director of Business, Economic Development, and
32 Tourism, the Mayor and the Chairperson of the Council of each
33 county, the director of each county agency having primary
34 responsibility for planning, transportation, or both, the
35 Chairperson of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, and
36 the President of the University of Hawaii.

